



PATENT APPLICATION

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62250

Mehdi HAMADOU, et al.

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Examiner: Michael B. HOLMES

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For: A SYSTEM HAVING A MODEL-BASED USER INTERFACE FOR OPERATING AND MONITORING A DEVICE AND A METHOD THEREFOR

DRAFT COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicant makes the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner's statement should not be interpreted as identifying patentable features in any of the claims. The Examiner's description of the claimed features is inaccurate as it fails to recite or even carefully paraphrase the language of the claim 1. The claims are carefully written to precisely define the bounds of the invention, and persons reading these remarks hereafter should note that any difference between the Examiner's language and the language of the claims should be resolved by recourse to only the express language of the claims.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Draft Comments on Statement of Reasons For Allowance
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Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated July 21, 2005.

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